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NOTES ON ANIMAL RELATIONSHIPS: HYPERIID AMPHIPODS PHRONIMA COLLETTI BOVALLIUS AND PHRONIMA SEDENTARIA (FORSKAL) INHABITING EMPTY 'TESTS' OF PELAGIC TUNICATES

During the 35th cruise of the USSR Research Vessel Vityaz in the eastern sector of the Indian Ocean in 1962 some interesting animal relationships of two species of phronimid amphipods, Phronima colletti Bovallius and P. sedentaria (Forskål) inhabiting the empty 'tests' of pelagic tunicates Salpa sp. and Doliolum sp. respectively were observed. which are reported here.

- 1. Phronima colletti Bovallius. 10 young forms measuring 1.5 mm. in total length attached to the wall of the empty test of Salpa sp. measuring 9 mm. in length, were collected at Vityaz Station no. 5224 on 10-ix-1962 (02° 00′ N., 91° 33′ E., depth 0-200 m.). These phronimids were attached in a single group and composed of individuals of the same instar. characteristic shape of the carpus in the fifth peraeopod is distinctly discernible (vide Stephenson, 1924).
- 2. Phronima sedentaria (Forskål). An adult female measuring 30 mm. was obtained within the empty test of Doliolum sp. measuring

31 mm. collected at *Vityaz* Station no. 5185 on 27-vii-62 (24° 34′ S., 108° 20′ E., depth 0-200 m.).

In the literature there are records of adults and juveniles of *P. sedentaria* (Forskål) inhabiting the empty mantles of pelagic tunicates (Chevreux & Fage 1925, Mogk 1927, Barnard 1932, 1937, and Nagabhushanam 1960). However, there appears to be no record of the young forms of *P. colletti* Bovallius inhabiting the empty mantles of tunicates. Moreover, the duration of stay of the young instars and the size attained within the mantle-cavity by the species of the genus *Phronima* other than *P. sedentaria* (Forsk.), is not known. Therefore it is considered worthwhile recording, this interesting relationship, and the measurements of the adult and juveniles obtained. More information on the stages at which the juveniles desert the mantle in the different species of the genus *Phronima* would be worth recording.

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22. NOTE ON MASTIGOCHIRUS QUADRILOBATUS MIERS, AN ANOMURAN (CRUSTACEA : DECAPODA) NEW TO INDIA

Mastigochirus quadrilobatus Miers is an anomuran which has not been reported from India so far. During the course of our study on the systematics of the anomuran fauna of Waltair coast, 10 specimens of M. quadrilobatus were collected from Lawson's Bay area, Waltair. In this paper a short account of the diagnostic features of M. quadrilobatus is given.

Mastigochirus quadrilobatus Miers 1879

Diagnosis. Frontal margin with two submedian lobes flanked by a lateral lobe which is round and projects slightly beyond the median